

SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARINGS

OCTOBER 14, 2021

Minutes of a Special Meeting and Public Hearings for Fire Districts held by the Town of Shawangunk Town, County of Ulster, State of New York, at the Town Office Building at the Community center at the Walker Valley School House at 6 Marl Road, Walker Valley, NY on the 14th day of October 2021.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also present was Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Member Alex Danon, Deputy Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski and several members from the Pine Bush and Walker Valley Fire Companies. Councilman Miller was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings for the Prospect Fire Protection District and the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Co. were opened at 7:00 p.m. See Public Hearing Minutes.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Police Chief Marlatt reported to the Town Board that there are new mandates that will be starting on October 16, 2021 for the hiring of police officers. He explained that several interviews were previously held with three of the candidates being hired at the last Town Board meeting. He recommended hiring a fourth police officer tonight. Chief Marlatt also reported new mandates from the Wallkill School District for employees and vendors.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Watkins to hire Jamie Ruiz as a part time police officer.

VOTE: Councilman Watkins, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Miller was absent.

Chief Marlatt discussed Officer Kurt McDermott attending training. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve Officer Kurt McDermott to attend Taser Training on November 4, 2021.

VOTE: Councilman Watkins, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Miller was absent

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Highway Department

Deputy Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski was present to discuss the 2022 Tentative Highway Budget that was submitted. The budget was reviewed with the Town Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Councilman Watkins, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Miller was absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dale Weed

Deputy Town Clerk